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In response to the September 23, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application, the deadline for response to which is extended from December 23, 2002 to January 23, 2003 by the request made hereinafter, under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136, for a one (1) month extension of the term for reply to the Office Action, please enter the enclosed Declaration Under 37 CFR §1.131 of the inventors Gregory T. Stauf, Bryan C. Hendrix, Jeffrey F. Roeder and Ing-Shin